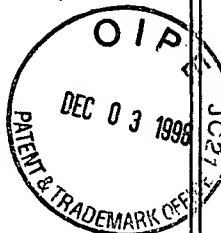


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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION**

Dear Sir:

Applicants submit this amendment in response to the Action in this case having a mailing date of August 20, 1998. A request for extension of time to respond is enclosed.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 4-6, 20, 25-27 and 33-35.

Please amend Claims 1, 3, 7-9, 13, 15, 22-24 and 28-31 as follows:

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(All pending claims are shown.)

1. (Amended) In a computer system comprising a processor and a memory, a method for detecting viruses in macros, the method comprising:
- obtaining comparison data including information for detecting a virus;
  - retrieving a macro;
  - decoding the macro to produce a decoded macro; and

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